

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/762,719

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to May 9, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-14 and 16-21, renumbered as 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 February 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Remark

- This Office Action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on May 9, 2005, which has been entered into the file.
- By this amendment, the applicant has amended claims 12 and 19.
- Claims 12-14, and 16-21 remain pending in this application.
- The affidavit under 37 CFR 1.132 filed on May 9, 2005 with regard to the amendments of the claims is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 12-14 and 16-20 based upon Roche et al (PN. 4,645,714).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's attorney Mr. Paul White (Reg. No. 30,436) on June 30, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims,

Claims 16 and 17, delete "protective layer" and insert --second acrylate polymer--.

Reasons For Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: of the prior art references considered, none has disclosed a silver mirror, that is comprised of a protective layer of an acrylate polymer incorporates a corrosion inhibitor and a second acrylate polymer incorporates a UV inhibitor, bonded to the protective layer, and a *protective shield layer*, on the second acrylate polymer or an adhesive layer on the second acrylate polymer, that is an overlay of a *transparent multi-polymer film* having a *thickness of 2-8 mil* and *incorporates a UV absorber*, as set forth in the claims.

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Prior art reference US Patent issued to Roche et al (PN. 4,645,714) teaches to use protective polymer layers that incorporates corrosion inhibitor and UV absorber respectively, but *it does not* teach to include the *additional* protective shield layer comprising a multi-polymer with the specific thickness and incorporated with UV absorber, which is highly transmissive to visible, ultraviolet and near infrared light to enable the silver layer in the mirror to retain spectral hemispherical reflectance and optical clarity.

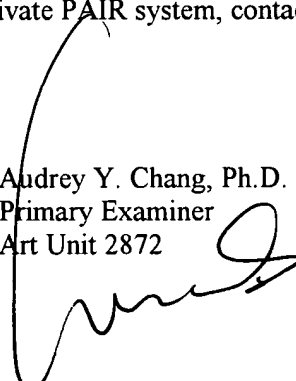
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Audrey Y. Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-2309. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-4:30), alternative Mondays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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